

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/823,018

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's amendment submitted 11/22/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-16,18 and 19.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see page 11, final paragraph, filed 11/22/2006, with respect to independent claims 1 and 16 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejections of claims 1 and 16 have been withdrawn.

Examiner notes that a verified research tool was used to locate the online catalog of PAKTRON. www.webarchive.org, known as The Wayback Machine is a web service that crawls the entire web periodically recording the information shown on every public web page. The first page provided to applicant states which dates the indicated website was recorded, and the following pages are coded at the bottom as to the specific date which the website was last changed. Therefore, by following the link entitled "Skid Wheels – Miscellaneous" on the Paktron home page recorded on 20010412 (April 12, 2001), the third through fifth pages were pointed to, found on 20010406 (April 6, 2001). In this manner, one can ascertain how long a web page or information on said web page has been in the public domain. The initial rejection was proper under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), but has been rendered moot by applicant's amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-16, 18, and 19 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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The claim limitation of “an axle” in combination with “a support pin” wherein the support pin is separate from the axle and positioned “between said axle and said bottom surface of said angular skid plate” found in each independent claim is not found in the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Wixson (U.S. Patent No. 2,834,608) shows a rear drag wheel mount similar in structure to the instant application and including both an axle and a support pin.

Stely (U.S. Patent No. 496,285) shows a wheel mount that is structurally similar to the instant application and including means to force a topwall away from the mounting structure subjecting a compressive force to the bottom of the mounting structure.

Petirrojo (U.S. Patent No. 3,043,618) shows a drag wheel mount including a structurally similar configuration to that of the instant application.

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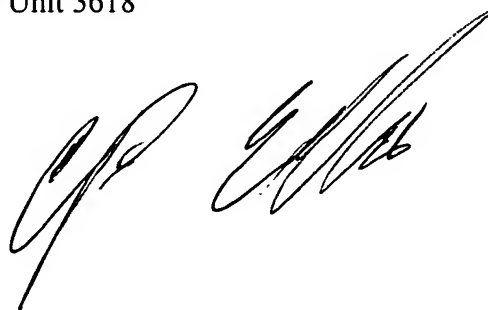
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vaughn T. Coolman whose telephone number is (571) 272-6014. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8am-6pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Ellis can be reached on (571) 272-6914. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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